



SDWGA Executive Committee Meeting



Monday, March 31, 2025 at 11:30 at Rusty's

Attendees: Jean Cheszek, Jo Helms, Connie Hiles, Jan Rintala, Ellen Victor, Denise Waddell

Not Attending: Toni Graves, Sarah Michelson, JC Thobe

President, Jean Cheszek, called the meeting to order at 11:40am.

I. Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. Acting Secretary, Jo Helms, made a motion to approve the January 22, 2025, Executive Meeting Minutes as distributed. Denise seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b. Acting Secretary, Jo Helms, made a motion to approve the minutes for the Electronic Meeting held on March 17. Connie seconded and the motion carried.
- c. Toni will remove the "draft" from the Jan 22 minutes and send them out to everyone and Ellen will post both sets on the website.
- d. Jan reminded all that we need to be cognizant of the details that are included in the meeting minutes now that they are posted on the website.
- e. **ACTION ITEMS** review:
 - i. Jean – charged with three tasks that are still in process
 - ii. Denise – revise the 2025 Budget and distribute. DONE.
 - iii. Toni – update the Nov 19, 2024 Rep Meeting Minutes. DONE
 - iv. Ellen – post the Nov 19 Rep Minutes and the Nov 20 Electronic Meeting Minutes. Nov 19 has been posted; she'll check on the Nov 20 document.
 - v. Ellen – remove clubs with zero members from the website. DONE.
 - vi. Sarah – correct the ToC for wording on walkers and 'x' on scorecards. Connie will follow-up.
 - vii. Connie will continue to work on tournament signage. IN PROCESS.
 - viii. Jo – pick up dessert for the Winter Scotch. DONE.
 - ix. Jo – contact Logan and Cat Carmignani. Logan – IN PROCESS; Cat – DONE. Contact Terri Burchett – DONE.

II. Nominating Committee Update (Jean for Nom Comm Chair - Toni)

- a. We have two great candidates.
- b. We'll handle this before Cat speaks at the May meeting.
- c. We present the slate and Reps vote.

III. Prize Money for Fall Partners (Jean)

- a. Discussed history of what has been done with prize money fees included in player fees for tournaments. Also discussed the recent 'windfall' of \$1300 in credit card cashback that Denise was able to secure that was totally unexpected. The event at Tubac is pricey! Jean made a motion to include \$5 in prize money fees per player for the Fall Partners event, and Connie

seconded. Discussion followed about the financial impact; this would essentially use up the entire \$1300 and with the current financial unrest in our economy and how popular golf is right now, we may need some of that money in the future to offset costs. The motion failed. Denise made a motion to include \$10 in player prize money fees for the Fall Partners event at Tubac and Jo seconded. The motion carried. Denise then made a motion that we add an additional \$5 per player in Prize Money Subsidies to the budget for the 2025 Fall Partners (in addition to the current \$1300 line item) and Jo seconded. The motion carried.

- IV. **Credit Card Cashback** - Connie asked about how to maximize the credit card cashback since the maximum is set for \$15,000 and a two-day event is usually more than that. She would like to pay a portion of the bill (i.e. make a deposit of approximately \$6,000) and Denise can pay that off before the event by transferring from the checking account. Then, the full credit card balance is available to charge the remaining balance which maximizes the cash back (1.5%). Denise/Connie will work on this for the event at Tucson Ntl.
- V. **Motion Forms** (Jan) – Jan presented forms that can be used in our meetings that allow participants to write down the motions for the Secretary so she may be able to participate in the discussion but still have the motions captured accurately. She will keep these on hand for the future. Thanks, Jan!
- VI. **Treasurer’s Report** (Denise) – Denise distributed new reports for March. Connie asked about a Budget-to-Actual by each line item. Connie made a motion to accept the report; Jean seconded, and the motion carried.
- VII. **Membership fees for 2026** (Jean) – Jean asked if thought the membership fees for 2026 needed to be changed. Discussion followed; no changes will be made.
- VIII. **Rep for Non-Affiliated Members** (Jean) – We currently have 20 “individual” members (i.e. members not associated with a member club.) They have no representation/vote at the Rep meetings. Discussion followed with many ideas: have the Rep meetings via Zoom so it’s JUST the reps; send the emails with pertinent information to the League Presidents to possibly help ensure the information is being disseminated to all members; can’t do an “interim Rep” because this goes against the By-Laws; would be difficult for one of them to be the Rep because the list is ever changing and they don’t know each other. Jean will send an email to the 20 members and find out if they feel it’s important for them to have representation and attach the “Rep Duties document. She will ask if anyone is willing to be the Rep; if the answer is no, we’ll drop the issue. If the answer is yes, then that person will disseminate the information but not have voting rights until we make the By-Laws change. Denise will email the 20 email addresses to Jean.
- IX. **Registration Process for District Tournaments** (Jean) – We reviewed the current process and the weaknesses throughout. There was a lot of discussion about many other options. Jo made a motion that starting with the 2025 Fall Partners, we use a new registration process that includes:
 - a. Six weeks prior to the event, the email is sent out with the flyer/registration form and posted on the website.
 - b. There is a two-week registration period where members can mail in the registration form and check any time during that period.

- c. Two weeks prior to the event is the cut-off date, so all forms have two full weeks to arrive, but they must be postmarked during the two-week registration period.
- d. The Tournament Chair does the random draw (if there are more registrations than the allotted number of teams) two weeks prior to the event and announces the participants and wait list on the website.

Connie seconded the motion, and discussion followed. There was concern expressed that this 'tightens' the timeframe for teams to know if they're in the event or not, and it also shortens the timeframe for the course to allow practice rounds. We will try this in the fall and see if these are serious issues. The positive is that members will be allowed to change partners during the four-week registration period because the 'draw' hasn't taken place so this should reduce the number of cancellations, but this also means registrants must maintain this on their schedules without knowing if they're in or not for a much longer period of time. Jean will announce this at the May meeting and Jo will put these registration/posting dates on the Schedule.

ADDITIONAL NOTE (outside of the meeting): When preparing for the May meeting, the EC felt we needed to maintain the eight-week period for posting the flyer/registration form on the website and sending out the email to the reps. The registration period will remain with an opening date six weeks prior to the event. As an example, and to make it clearer with actual dates, here's what will happen for the 2025 Fall Partners event which takes place on Nov 17/18:

1. Flyer and Registration form available on website and emailed to Reps on September 22 (eight weeks prior to the event.)
2. All entries postmarked between **October 6 (opening date) and October 19** will have equal priority in the tournament.
3. Entries postmarked **October 20 or later** will be prioritized in date order, after all the entries postmarked October 6-19.
4. On November 3 the Tournament Committee will determine the field for the tournament and the waiting list (if any), and post on the website. This will be done using entries received by November 2.
 1. All entries postmarked from October 6 through October 19 are considered first. If there are more entries than places in the field, a random draw will be used to determine the order of the waiting list.
 2. Entries postmarked October 20 and later are handled in postmark-date order, with a random draw determining the order of multiple entries with the same postmark date.
 3. Any entries received after November 2, regardless of the postmark date, will be put at the end of the participant or waiting list established in step #4. If multiple entries are received on the same date, a random draw will be used to determine their order.

- X. **Priority to Wait List members** (Jean) – We discussed the possibility of members being randomly drawn and put on the wait list for two or more consecutive tournaments. If this happens, it seems very unfair and punitive to those members. However, we cannot give priority if the two members split up and have different partners because that results in the number of teams getting priority to be so much greater – this would impede many teams from getting into tournaments. Jo made a motion that ON A TRIAL BASIS, starting with the teams who were on the wait list for

the Winter Scotch, any team who did not get into that tournament who has the same partner and were on the wait list for two consecutive tournaments will get priority in the next tournament. Connie seconded. Discussion followed. This means the same 2-person team who was waitlisted at the Winter Scotch and the Spring Partners will automatically get into the Fall Partners – yes. We'll try this out and see what happens. The motion carried.

- XI. **Priority to Reps** (Jean) – We discussed this; there are over 20 Reps which would mean almost half of the teams at any event have priority. This would greatly inhibit the registration process. We decided this is too punitive for the rest of the members.
- XII. **Nominations Process and the By-Laws** (Jean) – We briefly discussed Jan's email and the options she proposed. The By-Laws need to be changed but in the interim, we will change the "roll call" process. The Reps will sign in; if they have a proxy, the proxy will sign in. They will pick up a 'paddle' that denotes their Club name. They will vote by raising the paddle so it will be much easier to tell who is voting. Jan will purchase the 'white-board dry eraser' paddles on Amazon and have them on hand for the Spring Partners meeting.
- XIII. **Spring Partners Rep Meeting** (Jean) – Jean is not playing so she will be there to greet Cat and keep her entertained. Jan will email Toni about the new Nominations voting process and ask her to send out the proxy information. The agenda will consist of:
- a. Registration Process Changes
 - b. Wait List Priority Changes
 - c. Nominations
 - d. Cat
 - e. Q&A

Connie will email the attendees via GG to inform them about Cat's attendance and ask them to bring their questions.

There was a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 3:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary, Jo Helms

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Jean** – gather input from Reps/Members regarding more equitable registration procedures and team selection; convey wisdom of 85% hdcp usage; develop training aids for GG live scoring. ON GOING
- **Connie** – continue to improve tournament signage. ON GOING.
- **Jo** – contact Logan at AGA about GG license. ON GOING.
- **Toni** – remove "draft" from the Jan 22 EC Meeting Minutes and send them out to everyone.
- **Ellen** – will post the final Jan 22 EC meeting minutes, the March 17 Electronic Meeting minutes, and check on the Nov 20 Electronic Meeting Minutes.

- **Connie** – follow-up with Sarah on the ToC wording for walkers and “x” on scorecards
- **Denise/Connie** – work on pre-paying an amount at TN to maximize the credit card cashback
- **Denise** – email the spreadsheet with the email addresses for the 20 individual members to Jean
- **Jean** – email the 20 individual members asking about possible representation
- **Jo** – put new registration process dates on the Schedule of Events
- **Jan** – purchase voting paddles
- **Jan** – email Toni about nominations process at Spring meeting
- **Connie** – send out email to Spring players announcing Cat’s attendance and ask them to bring questions to enhance the discussion